# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# DEFENCE
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PRIVATE PARTICIPATION IN R & D OF DEFENCE SECTOR
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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the government are seeking private participation in R&D of Defence Sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the percentage of Defence budget is being spent on R&D at present;

(d) whether the Government have any proposal to invite multinational companies participation in R&D; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

## Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) & (b): Government is encouraging enhanced participation of private sector companies in Defence R&D to pool national resources. In the last decade a large number of private sector companies have come forward to participate in number of technology disciplines including electronics, engineering, microwave devices, structural systems, armament sub-systems, automotive power packs, aerospace components, components for armoured vehicles and military equipment/stores.

(c) As per the Revised Estimate (RE) the R&D budget is 5.83% of Defence budget for the year 2001-2002.

(d) & (e): Government has not received any proposal from any foreign multinational companies in this regard.